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HI EVERYONE!

It's great to be back with another exciting edition of the official Bee Gees newsletter. This promises to be our best newsletter yet, and we'd like to thank all of you for the wonderful support you've given us.

Right off the bat we'd like to clear up any fears you might have had about a possible Bee Gees break-up. This is simply not the case. After this incredible year comes to a close, the Bee Gees will take some time to relax and then they're off again on a tour of Australia, Japan and Europe at the end of next year. Their next studio album won't be released until 1981, but there may be some new singles in the near future. As you can see, 1980 should be another exciting year for the Bee Gees.

Since our last newsletter quite a bit has happened to Barry, Maurice and Robin. Most notable of course, is the incredible success of the Bee Gees current smash 1979 North American Tour. Also, there are new Bee Gees albums, books, the upcoming NBC TV Special and much, much more. So let's get started!

THE HOTTEST TOUR OF 1979

Without a doubt, the current Bee Gees Tour is not only the biggest one they've ever done, but one of the biggest and most successful tours in concert history. Starting with the very first dates of the tour Barry, Maurice and Robin and their excellent band have been performing terrific shows to the delight of their many ecstatic fans. Everyone who has seen one of their shows has left feeling not the least bit disappointed. The vocals are superb. The song selection generously spans the Bee Gees entire career. The sound and lighting are excellent and as previously mentioned, the band is simply the best there is.

One part of the show that should not be overlooked is the Bee Gees audience. And that means you! Not since the days of the Beatles has anyone received such an electrifying response from their fans. And don't think the Bee Gees aren't aware of it. As Barry told us, "I never dreamed that I would be onstage receiving such an overwhelming response from so many people. It's truly mindblowing." Maurice feels that "the audience helps the show because their response increases the excitement. It gets everyone's adrenelin going and because of it everyone plays all the better. And really, excitement is what our performance is all about."

One of the highlights of the first half of the tour for Barry, Maurice and Robin was their concert July 7th, at Dodger Stadium, in Los Angeles. Previously, the only other acts to play there were the Beatles and Elton John, and the Bees Gees were obviously thrilled to be performing there. The show was an overwhelming success. Playing to an overflow crowd of 56,000 screaming fans, the Bee Gees put on a truly perfect show. And to top it off, younger brother Andy came onstage for a sensational encore performance of "You Should Be Dancing," that brought the house down.

Among the many celebrities in attendance at Dodger Stadium and at the party following the show were Olivia Newton-John, Barbara Streisand, the Jacksons, Karen Carpenter and K.C. of K.C. and the Sunshine Band. Los Angeles was not the only town where the Bee Gees were visited by special guests. In Utah, the entire Osmond family came down to see the show and in Houston John Travolta joined the Bee Gees onstage to recreate his famous dancing sequence from "Saturday Night Fever." Finally, in New York guests included Al Pacino, Billy Joel, Neil Sedaka, Diana Ross and Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons of Kiss.

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TRAVELING WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS

Traveling on the road can be a maddening experience, but the Bee Gees have found a solution to this problem. They've leased a luxurious 707 that has 55 seats, 4 video TV screens, a 12 channel stereo system with music selected by Barry, Maurice and Robin, 4 stewardesses who serve fantastic food and a 747 pilot who flies the plane. No wonder the Bee Gees are not afraid of flying anymore! Robin even spends most of his time upfront with the pilot.

Passengers on the first half of the tour have included parents Hugh and Barbara Gibb, Barry's family, and Maurice's family. Even Grandmother Laura Pass came from Australia for the first time in 20 years to see them perform. Robin's wife Molly and their two children will join the crew for the second half.

As Robin points out, "On the road we are fairly restricted as to where we can go and having our family and friends with us makes it all a lot easier."

SPARE TIME

In the spare time they have while touring, Barry, Maurice and Robin try to relax just like everyone else. As Maurice explained, "All three of us have video machines which we take out on the road with us. We go to the movies whenever it's possible." On the first half of the tour everyone was able to see "Halloween," "Amityville Horror," "Alien," and "Escape from Alcatraz."

Speaking of Alcatraz, while in San Francisco the Bee Gees took a private tour with their family of Alcatraz Island, where the famous prison is located. Pictures were taken with the Bee Gees mugging behind bars and then everyone spent the rest of the day picnicing on a rented boat while cruising San Francisco bay.

NEW BEE GEES RECORDINGS

During mid-August Barry, Maurice and Robin had a three week break between concerts. There wasn't much time for relaxing, however. The Bee Gees immediately went to the studio in Miami to finish the vocal tracks for their upcoming NBC TV Special which will now be aired in a stereo simulcast over the radio. Barry also helped out with some of the production work on Andy's new album, which is currently being recorded.

Some time was also spent working on the long-awaited Bee Gees Greatest Hits Lp, which should be released in mid-October. This is truly some album! It contains all of the Bee Gees greatest hits starting with "Jive Talkin." There are some songs included that have never before been available to any Bee Gees fans. There is the original version of "(Our Love) Don't Throw It All Away," which later became a world- wide smash for Andy Gibb. The Bee Gees version was recorded at the Chateau in France during the same sessions which produced all of their classic "Saturday Night Fever" material. This long rumored about track contains what Robert Stigwood feels is one of their all-time best recorded performances. Also to be found on the album are "Rest Your Love On Me," and "If I Can't Have You," which have never before been available on a Bee Gees album.

Just released is the soundtrack for "The Music For UNICEF Concert," which the Bee Gees starred in. Among the many stars who joined in this historic occasion, the Bee Gees can be heard doing their UNICEF donated #1 hit, "Too Much Heaven." Once again, all sales of this memorable album go directly to the UNICEF Foundation.

THE LEGEND

Available now only through this special offer is the most exciting book ever printed about the Bee Gees. Entitled THE LEGEND, this unique portrayl of Barry, Maurice and Robin in the forms of their favorite animals is destined to become a collector's item. Written by long-time Bee Gees friend David English, THE LEGEND is a beautifully illustrated, 8 x 11" special-edition printing which leads you through the entire Bee Gees musical odyssey. Printed in over 140 exciting full-color pages, THE LEGEND is a must for all Bee Gees fans. And as an extra-special bonus for fan club members only, we've enclosed a special discount coupon which will enable you to be the first to receive THE LEGEND, and, at a special price.

You can look forward to two more books concerning the Bee Gees. A new Bee Gees Song Book will be available very shortly through mail-order only. The book will contain 50 of the groups best known songs. Advertising for the book will begin shortly via television. Also in the picture is a complete photo album of the Bee Gees current 1979 tour which should be available early next year. Photographer Bob Sherman has been traveling with the group throughout the entire tour and the photo album promises to be a very special book.

HERE & NOW

• While in Washington, D.C., Barry, Maurice and Robin met with President Carter, by special invitation, at the White House. Meeting afterwards with the press, the Bee Gees were asked if they sang for the President and Robin humorously quipped, "No, he sang for us!"

• The Bee Gees did it again when they swept the recent BMI publishing awards for the most performed songs of 1978. They won a total of 11 awards for their song-writing including "How Deep Is Your Love," which won for it's second year in a row!

• Barry will definitely be co-producing the new Barbara Streisand album with Karl Richardson and Albhy Galuten after the Bee Gees current tour. Recording is expected to start in January.

• Maurice recently sold his boat and donated it to the Flordia Police Athletic League for auction. The auction took place in June and all proceeds went to the P.A.L.

• Congratulations to Barry and Linda who just celebrated their 9th wedding anniversary on September 1st, which also happened to be Barry's 33rd birthday! Birthday wishes also to Maurice's wife Yvonne who just celebrated her birthday on September 28th.

• Congratulations are also in order for Bee Gees keyboardist George Bitzer and his wife who are the proud parents of a handsome baby boy they named Gerard Layton Bitzer.

The Bee Gees were on the road in Minneapolis when George's wife went into labor in Virginia. Maurice heard about it and immediately had George flown home in time for the baby's birth. And George didn't miss one show!

• Finally, Robin's son Spencer turned 7 on September 21st and Barry's youngest son Ashley celebrated his second birthday on September 8th.

SEE YOU SOON

As you can see, life with the Bee Gees is as exciting and hectic as ever! To illustrate this, we've included a special photo montage which you'll find on the next page, filled with the excitement of the Bee Gees North American Tour. Until the next issue we'll close with some words from Maurice which are shared by everyone. "At this point what else can we say except thank you so very much. And we really hope that you enjoyed the show!"

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